

Wilson County
Criminal Justice
Community Plan
2013-2014

Approved by the Wilson County Commissioner's Court: February 10, 2014

Wilson County Community Plan

What is a Community Plan?

The Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office (CJD) requires that Community Plans be developed and maintained by Texas counties and forwarded to the regional level. This plan is formally known as the Wilson County Community Plan. Its purpose is to present the data gathered and input from the community to identify significant gaps in services and resources for individuals effected by criminal justice issues.

The Wilson County Community Plan reflects the efforts of many individuals in Wilson County, all of whom are concerned that any gaps in services be closed, and services provided be enhanced in order to make Wilson County a safer places in which to live, work, and raise a family. The names of those involved in the process of developing this Plan are listed in the section entitled Community Planning Team with grateful acknowledgment.

Though the final draft of this Community Plan was completed in January 2014, it is a work in progress. New goals will be identified as Wilson County grows and changes; the Planning Team will change as a result of individual and agency circumstances; and requirements concerning the makeup of the Plan will be subject to change from year to year by CDJ. Accordingly, Wilson County will post updates from time to time on its website.

If you are reading Wilson County's Community Plan and have not been involved in its development, you are invited to join in this ongoing effort. Any questions you have can be addressed to either Katherine Chapman, Community Plan Coordinator for Wilson County, or to a Criminal Justice Program staff member of AACOG. Contact information is provided at the end of this document.

The Wilson County Judge and Commissioners Court supports the concept of community planning by providing staff support and resources for development and implementation of the Wilson County Community Plan. In addition, the Commissioners Court supports grant applications from Wilson County departments as well as non-governmental community organizations that address needs identified in this Community Plan.

Wilson County Areas Represented

Incorporated Communities:	Floresville La Vernia Poth Stockdale
Unincorporated Communities:	Canada Verde Denhawken Deweese Fairview Graytown Kosciuszko Lodi Marceline Nockenut Pandora Saspamco Sutherland Springs Three Oaks Union Valley
Schools:	Floresville Independent School District (ISD) LaVernia ISD LaVernia Christian School Poth ISD Sacred Heart Catholic School Stockdale ISD

History of Wilson County

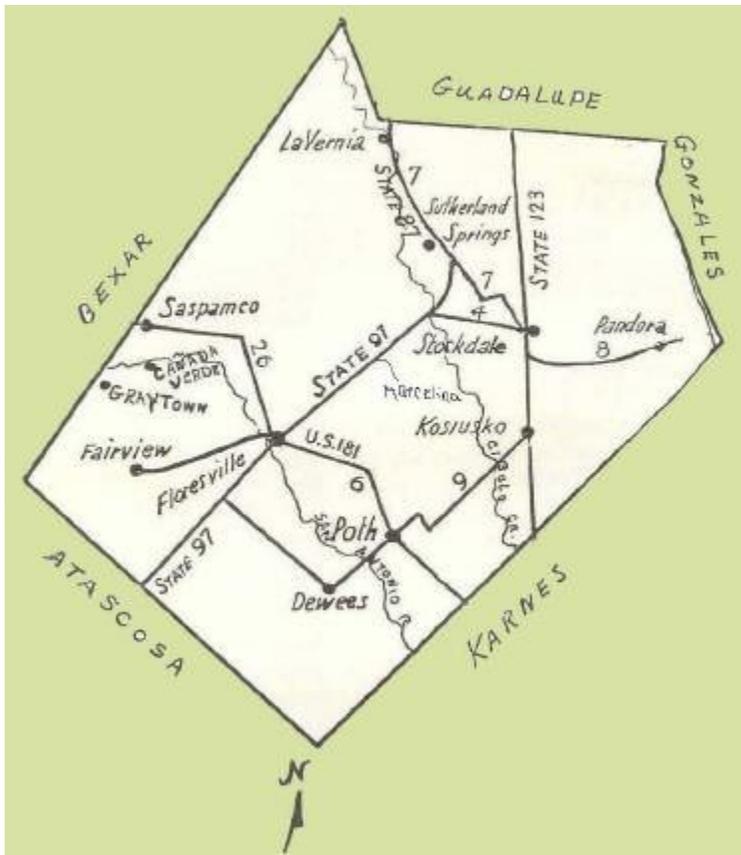
Wilson County is located on the upper coastal plain of South Central Texas. It was used in the early 18th Century by the Comanche, Tonkawa and Lipan-Apache Indians for hunting. Spanish explorers recorded travels through the territory during the same time period. As ranching developed in and around San Antonio during the first half of the 18th Century, ranchers grazed cattle in the region that is now Wilson County, establishing temporary settlements for their vaqueros.

Permanent settlement began before 1830. Juan and Simon Arocha's land grant was received in 1782; Manuel Barrera secured a land grant in 1833; and Francisco Flores de Abreyo established his hacienda six miles northwest of the present day Floresville around the same time. Anglo settlers began arriving in the late 1840s, settling along the Ecletto and Cibola creeks. Planters

from the Southern U.S. states migrated to the area prior to 1860 as did German and Polish immigrants.

Wilson County was legally organized by an act of the Texas Legislature on February 13, 1860 from portions of Bexar County and Karnes County. The County was named for James Charles Wilson, a Texas legislator. He was a native of Yorkshire, England, who came to Texas in 1837 as a member of the Somervell/Mier Expedition into Mexico.¹

The current county-seat, Floresville, located in the central part on the County, was donated by Josefa Flores Barker, daughter of Jose Maria Flores, who long-owned land on the east side of the San Antonio River.



¹ Thanks to the Wilson County Historical Society website for the history and map, and to The Handbook of Texas Online for additional specific facts.

Wilson County Demographics

The population of Wilson County increased to **42,918** in 2010 from 32,408 in 2000. There was an increase of over 2000 citizens in just the one year from 2009 to 2010.² The Texas Department of State Health Services estimated the official 2012 population to be 48,469.³

There were 2.81 persons per household from 2008-2012 with per capita income at \$26,777 during the same time period. 10.7% percent of the population were under the poverty level. 17.9% of the population under 18 years of age live in poverty.

25.1% of the population is under the age of 17 years and 50.2% are female. Anglos account for 58% of the population; Hispanics 38.9%, and Blacks 1.8%.

The populations of the towns in Wilson County are:

Floresville	6,782
Poth	1,974
Stockdale	1,484
La Vernia	1,111

Each of the towns has an Independent School District and there are two parochial schools. The total number of children in the schools are 8435 according to 2012 statistics.

Wilson Community Planning Team

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² <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/48/48493.html> accessed on December 27, 2013.

³ <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/popdat/ST2012.shtm> accessed on December 27, 2013.

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Plan Availability

The Wilson County Community Plan is available at www.aacog.com and the Wilson County website.

IDENTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

In each area below, problems are identified and pertinent data are presented that support the existence and the severity of the problems in Wilson County. In each area identified, the problems are prioritized according to need. Recommended responses to improve the community problems are identified.

Juvenile Services:

Priority 1: Substance Abuse

There has been a decrease in offenses by children in Wilson County. However, of the children referred to the Juvenile Probation Office, increased use or abuse of illegal substances is reported. The abused substances now include synthetic drugs. Law enforcement reports increased use of illegal drugs by children in attendance in the schools of Wilson County. School officials indicate that substance abuse is likely the underlying cause of absences and referral to DAEP.

Supporting Data:

Wilson County Juvenile Probation	2011	2012	2013
Total Referrals	113	121	77
Level of Offense:			
Felonies	11	29	18
Misdemeanors	56	70	52
CINS (Children in Need of Supervision)	52	47	21
Level of Supervision by Juvenile Probation:			
Formal Probation	14	10	26
Deferred Prosecution	52	44	48
Conditional Release and Temporary Supervision	67	77	56

Connections Individual & Family Services	2011-2012	2012-2013
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Evidence-based Education/Skills Training - Youth		739
Substance Abuse Presentation Attendance Youth/Adults		736/42
Alternative Activities Youth/Adults		710/746
STAR Program – Counseling Servs for Family Conflict - Youth		61

Historic Data from Wilson County Juvenile Probation:

Year	2004	2005	2006	2007- 2008	2009 - 2010	2011	2012	2013
Total Formal Referrals:	213	225	250	183	169	113	121	77

Proposed Objectives for Improvement:

- Increase and individualize substance abuse education for children within the juvenile justice system and the schools, including alternative school settings.
- Train and monitor attendance clerks to assist in identifying chronic absences which may be related to substance abuse and require informal referral.
- Initiate development of a coalition within the communities of Wilson County to educate parents about unusual behaviors that may appear in children involved in substance abuse and, generally, the effects of drugs on children.
- Initiate counseling services targeting children identified as using illegal substances, exhibiting behaviors identified with drug use, including children with excessive school absences.

Priority 2: *Aftercare Services*

Aftercare services remain essential to fully and effectively serve any child in the juvenile justice system, or alternative educational setting. Following the child and providing services to them and to the family is necessary to prolong successes obtained in the more acute phase of the juvenile offenders’ supervision by Juvenile Probation.

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Unsuccessful Terminations – Needs Aftercare Focus			
Formal Probation	3	1	4
Deferred Prosecution	6	5	4
Detention and Residential Placement – Needs Aftercare Focus	43	62	29

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Proposed Objectives for Improvement:

- Increase the number of children monitored to include children trying to reintegrate into regular schools and those trying to reintegrate into their families from residential settings in addition to working with children completing the Wilson County Boot Camp (JJAEP) and children who have been referred to alternative educational settings.
- Identify specific children who have received substance abuse or mental health treatment so aftercare services can be focused on those issues.
- Increase the number of Juvenile Probation professionals from a single individual to a number who can provide the time and effort needed by children to be successful after the more acute phase of their services.

Priority 3: Family Preservation

It is crucial to identify and develop strategies that will support family involvement with children who have been or are in the juvenile justice system in Wilson County. Keeping a family together and functioning is extremely important to the child. Whether the cause is substance abuse, mental health, criminal behavior, or abuse and neglect, the child as a member of the family, and the family as a unit, is distressed. This is not “rocket science.” There are proven techniques. Wilson County can put them to use.

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Proposed Objectives for Improvement:

- Plan for early intervention with the family when a child has been referred to alternative school or entered the juvenile justice system.
- Assess the child as a part of the family, and the family as a whole, to determine the approach to take to the family. Recognize the possibility of

lack of trust and sense of futility families may feel if other children in the juvenile justice system have been unsuccessful or there has been a long history of problems with the child before referral. The family may be exhausted by the time the child is referred to the juvenile justice system.

- Assess the juvenile justice staff who are assigned to assess and engage with families. They, too, may carry with them frustrations from their prior encounters with this family or other families who appear to be uncooperative or lacking in being responsible for their children. Their attitudes are equally important to success in family preservation as the parents.
- Increase staff who focus on family preservation. Wilson County currently refers children and family to a single Licensed Professional Counselor and Master's of Social Work. They are spread thin.
- Consider a broader perspective of family services for families under investigation by Child Protective Services for abuse or neglect.
- Establish a focal point in Wilson County for provision of services to preserve families of children in the juvenile justice system. Connections, Camino Real, Child Protective Services, and Juvenile Probation each provide specific, but limited services. Family preservation must be a coordinated and focused to be effective.

Victim Services:

Priority 1:

Comprehensive victim services to include: crisis intervention and peer support; safety planning; forensic interviews and exams; assistance with protective orders and Crime Victim Compensation Claims; information and referrals; and counseling and support groups addressing the issues of domestic violence, sexual abuse, child abuse, mental health and substance abuse.

Supporting Data:

Texas Department of Public Safety Data – 2012

According to the Crime in Texas 2012 Report by the Texas Department of Public Safety, 41 family violence cases were reported to Wilson County law enforcement agencies. Additionally, 9 sexual assault cases were reported in this jurisdiction.

Wilson County Attorney's Office Data (Misdemeanors) - 2012

Assault – Family Violence Referred by Law Enforcement (Misdemeanors)

Cases Reviewed: 65
 Cases Filed: **48** (73.8% of cases reviewed were filed)
 Cases Rejected: 17 (16.7% cases reviewed were rejected)

Disposition of **48** Cases Filed:

Dismissed	27	56.3%
Final Jgmt	11	22.9%
Def'd. Prob.	7	14.6%
Pending	2	4.2%
MTR Pending	1	2.0%

Violation of Protective Order Cases (Misdemeanors)

Cases Reviewed: 12
 Cases Filed: **10** (83.4% of cases reviewed were filed)
 Cases Rejected: 02 (16.7% cases reviewed were rejected)

Disposition of **10** Cases Filed:

Jgmt w/ Jail	6	60.0%
Dismissed	3	30.0%
MTR Pending	1	10.0%
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Cases Reviewed: 91
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 Cases Rejected: 10 (11.0% cases reviewed were rejected)

Disposition of **81** Cases Filed:

Dismissed	13	16.0%
Jgmt-Jail	8	9.9%
Probation	2	2.5%
Def'd. Prob.	10	12.3%
Prob. Rvkd	2	2.5%
Prob. Trm'd	1	1.2%
Pending	39	48.2%

MTR Pending	2	2.5%
Reduced	4	4.9%

Violation of Protective Order Cases (Misdemeanors)

Cases Reviewed:	9	
Cases Filed:	9	(100% of cases reviewed were filed)
Cases Rejected:	0	(0% cases reviewed were rejected)

Disposition of 9 Cases Filed:

Jgmt w/ Jail	4	44.0%
Dismissed	2	22.0%
Pending	2	4.17%
Def'd Prob	1	11.0%

District Attorney's Office Data
Wilson County Felony's- 2012 - 2013

Domestic Violence/Family Violence Cases	Indictment	20
Domestic Violence/Family Violence Cases	Conviction	11
Domestic Violence/Family Violence Cases	Pending	08
Domestic Violence/Family Violence Cases	Dismissed	01

Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter, Inc. Data - 2013

Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter, Inc. is in its 30th year of providing shelter and supporting services to victims residing in Wilson County. In the 2013 fiscal year, they have provided services to 24 new and continuing adult and child clients through the residential program. Additionally, 11 new and continuing adult clients were served through the nonresidential program. In total, victims residing in Wilson County received 58 crisis intervention and peer support services and 13 counseling sessions. Safety planning was provided to all victims served as well as 98 information and referral services. Twenty-four legal advocacy services were provided. To increase the clients' access to services, the GVFVS advocate travels to Wilson County to provide services directly.

Connections Individual and Family Counseling

Connections Individual and Family Counseling provides counseling services within Wilson County through its at-risk youth (STAR) program. In the 2013 fiscal year, the program provided counseling for family conflict to 61 youth.

Proposed Objectives for Improvement:

Priority 2: Establish a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) to work together in a coordinated and collaborative manner to ensure effective and successful response to family violence. Create formal Victim Assistance Coordinator position in the Wilson County Attorney's Office as a crucial member of the MDT. Include representatives of nonprofit organizations, the Sexual Assault Response Team/Coordinated Community Response Team, law enforcement, prosecutors, and community representatives to guide and provide services directly to the victim and children as well as ensuring effective criminal prosecution, i.e. assess individual risk, assess intervention need, provide individualized services efficiently; decrease fragmentation in delivery of services; enhance quality of evidence for criminal prosecutions, guide victim through the justice system; inform victim of the victim's legal rights as a crime victim; provide beneficial information to the victim and children, and improved individual services to victims of family violence.

Supporting Data:

A victim's assistance coordinator effectively assists victims of felonies in the 81st/218th Judicial District Attorney's Office, covering Wilson County and four other counties. The County Attorney in Wilson County does not currently have a victim's assistance coordinator to focus on domestic violence (and other) victims. Other employees in the County Attorney's Office are currently trying to assist victims as well as carry out their own employment obligations. Yet the below figures show the 2012 and 2013 figures for the crimes involving domestic violence.

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Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter, Inc.

Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter, Inc. delivered twenty-four (24) legal advocacy services to Wilson County residents, including providing crucial counsel, information and guidance through the justice system, and accompanying the victim to court in the 2013 fiscal year.

Proposed Objectives for Improvement:

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Priority 3: Outreach to Unidentified Victims

Outreach to unidentified victims of domestic violence, providing education and increased awareness of violence prevention, short-term and long-term effect on children, and substance abuse as both a catalyst and effect of domestic violence against adults and children.

Supporting Data:

In 2013 **Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter, Inc.** (GVFVS) provided ten (10) educational presentations to one hundred twenty-two (122) participants of Wilson County concerning domestic violence, dating violence and sexual assault. Additional services were offered.

Connections Individual and Family Counseling offered, in 2013, six (6) educational presentations to Wilson County youth concerning causes and results of substance abuse for the individual and family. Alternatives to substance abuse for dealing with family and individual problems were explored. Further services were offered.

Proposed Objectives for Improvement:

Increase the number of interactive presentations and educational forums in Wilson County which focus on violence in the family, its causes, the needs of its victims, the criminal justice system, and the prevention of violence within the family unit. Emphasize resources available to victims, direct and indirect, adult and children. Encourage and coordinate with Wilson County schools, Juvenile Probation and nonprofit youth organizations to develop and deliver education information on techniques for violence prevention.

Criminal Justice Issues:

Priority 1: Family Violence Investigator

An investigator with specific training in family violence issues is urgently needed in Wilson County to assure that victims are quickly given accurate information addressing the criminal justice system and their role in it, and their specific needs for care, including for children who may be victims, too.

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Proposed Objectives for Improvement: Having a family violence investigator to coordinate the criminal justice system for and with the victim of domestic violence. This includes appropriate contact initially, educating the victim on the process of criminal prosecution. Initial intervention with the victim is crucial for obtaining the cooperation of the victim, or for proceeding without the cooperation of the victim. Having a family violence investigator to point the victim in the right direction for obtaining services could avoid delay that hampers prosecution and the recovery of the victim.

Priority 2: Up-to-Date Equipment

Adequate equipment is generally thought to be assumed by law enforcement. In rural Wilson County, that is not always the case. For efficient use of law enforcement officers' time and effort, for the efficient prosecution of criminal offenders, and for the safety of citizens and the law enforcement officers themselves, law enforcement must have state-of-the-art law enforcement equipment.

Supporting Data: Interviews with police chiefs in the incorporated areas of Wilson County and with the sheriff's office for the unincorporated portions have shown the shortcomings in the equipment their officers have. For instance, communications, under all circumstances, is unarguably necessary for the law enforcement community. The communications must be reliable and must be interoperable so that multiple parties can exchange information when and where it is needed, even if the various systems are different. Both its location adjoining Bexar County on the northern boundary and its rural nature along the southern boundary makes Wilson County needs for communication unique. As seen recently in the high-speed pursuit from Bexar County, the different jurisdictions must be able to communicate.

In addition, criminal prosecution is often hampered by the lack of proper recording equipment. Law enforcement officers, as witnesses, and prosecutors are put at a disadvantage if sheriff deputies do not have up to date equipment.

Proposed Objectives for Improvement: Provide all law enforcement officers in Wilson County with not just adequate, but up-to-date communications and recording equipment so that individuals breaking criminal laws can be apprehended and prosecuted.

Resources Available

Listed below are resources identified which the Community Planning Team believe could potentially help in closing gaps identified above.

Alamo Area Council of Governments

Address: 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 700

San Antonio, Texas 78217-6228
Phone: 210-362-5200
Fax: 210-225-5937
Website: www.aacog.com

Counties Served: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, and Wilson.

Services: AACOG has vigorous programs for regional planning in the areas of aging services, economic development, 9-1-1- systems, homeland security, criminal justice, resource recovery, air quality, transportation, weatherization, and workforce. They also administer the Bexar Mental Retardation Authority. technical assistance is provided by the staff to local governments on matters related to a number of other areas, including census, housing and human services. In addition, AACOG sponsors special projects in response to local government needs or requests.

Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Al-Anon/Alateen of Greater San Antonio

Address: Post Office Box 701436
San Antonio, Texas 78270
Phone: Office – 210-829-1392
Out-of-Town Line – 888-829-1312
World Service Office – 888-425-2666
Email: saais@yahoo.com
Website: www.san-antonio-alanon.org
Texas Website: www.texas-al-anon.org

Counties Served: Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Wilson and many more.

Services Provided: Al-Anon is a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share experiences, strength and hope with each other to solve common problems. Al-Anon/Alateens considers alcoholism a family disease Alateens is a fellowship of individuals under age 20 who live or have lived with alcoholics and need to receive and provide strength and hope for the child of an alcoholic.

Hours: various; check website for exact meeting locations and times

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Address: Central Service Office
8804 Tradeway
San Antonio, Texas 78217
Phone: Business Office – 210-821-6325
24-hour Help Line – 210-828-6235
24-hour Spanish Language Help Line – 210-409-8524
Fax: 210-822-4491
Email: csosa@stic.net
Website: www.aasanantonio.org

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Services Provided: AA is a fellowship of men and women who are working to solve their common alcohol problem. Sharing experiences and providing strength and hope to each other, their primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Hours: Monday, 9 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Catholic Charities (Archdiocese of San Antonio, Inc.)

Address: 202 W. French Place
San Antonio, Texas 78212
Phone: 210-222-1294
Website: www.ccaosa.org

Counties Served: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Karnes, Kendall, Maverick, Medina, Nueces, Travis, Uvalde, Webb, Wilson, and Zapata.

Services: Catholic Charities offers a full scope of services for individuals and families in need.

Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Children’s Alliance of South Texas, A Child Advocacy Center

Address: P. O. Box 747

Floresville, Texas 78114
Phone: 830-582-9049

On the Web: Facebook

Counties Served: Atascosa, Frio, Karnes, LaSalle and Wilson

Services: Provides vital services to sexually and physically abused children and their families. Services provided in safe, child-friendly environment where children can be interviewed by specially trained personnel. Victims receive medical evaluations and mental health therapy. Offers educational programs on various topics to increase community awareness and to decrease frequency of sexually and physically.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Connections, Inc.

Address: 1010 Zanderson
Jourdanton, Texas 78026
Phone: 830-769-3225; 830-629-6571 or toll free 1-800-532-8192
Fax: 830-769-4364

Wilson County Office: 559 10th St. Suite 2
Floresville, Texas 78114
Phone: 830-393-0856
Fax: 830-393-3187
Website: www.connectionsnonprofit.org

Counties Served: Aransas, Atascosa, Bandera, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Caldwell, Comal, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Karnes, Lee, Medina, McMullen, Refugio, San Patricio, Wilson, and Zavala.

Services: Connections provides short-term, solution focused Counseling Services; Residential Services include Emergency Youth Shelters in New Braunfels and Portland for youth ages 10-17 who are in crisis, homeless or have been abused; Transitional Living Program in New Braunfels for homeless or runaway youth ages 16-21; Life Skills Training – curriculum based support groups, after-school programs. Presentations, alternative activities, community activities; Referral Services if a client needs services not provided by Connections, Inc. Crisis Hotline 1-800-532-8192

Eligibility: Youth from birth – 17 years, and their families

Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(intake interviews and assessments are done by appointment)

Connally Memorial Medical Center

Address: 499 Tenth Street
Floresville, Texas 78114
Phone: 830-393-1300
Fax: 830-393-1336
Website: www.connallymmc.org

Counties Served: Wilson and surrounding counties.

Services: 44 bed acute care facility with 10=bed Emergency Department with Level IV Trauma Designation

Hours: 24 hours per day, 7 days per week

Floresville Police Department

Address: 920 C Street
Floresville, Texas 78114
Phone: 830-393-4055
Fax: 830-393-3428
Website: www.cityoffloresville.org

Counties Served: Wilson

Services: Law enforcement.

Hours: Operation: 24 hours per day, 7 days per week
Office: M-F 9-5

Food Pantry-Poth Area

Address: 101 Railroad
P. O. Box 888
Poth, Texas 78147
Phone: 830-484-2324
Website: www.cityofpoth.org

Counties Served: Poth Area of Wilson

Services: A non-profit group who solicits, stores and distributes food to people in need.

Hours: Monday-Friday 9-5

Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter

Address: P. O. Box 10323
Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone: 830-372-2781; 830-372-5970
24 hour Crisis line 1-800-834-5970
Website: www.safesequin.org

Counties Served: Gonzales, Guadalupe, Karnes and Wilson

Services: Full service shelter providing broad range of assistance to victims and families of violence, including, emergency shelter, legal advice, counseling; job readiness; and clothing.

Hours: 24/7

Karnes Wilson County Juvenile Probation Department

Address: 337 Alternate Land
Floresville, Texas 78114
Phone: 830-393-5758
FAX: 830-393-5710
Website: co.wilson.tx.us

Counties Served: Karnes and Wilson

Services: Monitors juvenile offender and non-offender referrals from school districts, county attorney and parents.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

La Vernia Police Department

Address: P. O. Box 225
La Vernia, Texas 78121
Emergency Phone: 830-393-2535
Bus. Office Phone: 830-779-4541

Website: www.lavernia-tx.gov

Services: Response to emergency calls; criminal offenses and domestic/civil disturbances

Hours: 24/7

Poth Police Department

Address: P. O. Box 579
200 N. Carroll Street
Poth, Texas 78147
Phone: 830-484-0281
Email: pothpd@cityofpoth.org

Counties Served: Wilson

Services:

Hours: 24/7

San Antonio Food Bank

Address: 5200 Old Highway 90 West
San Antonio, Texas 78227-2209
Phone: 210-337-3663
Toll Free: 1-800-246-9121

Website: <http://safoodbank.org>

Counties Served: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Edwards, Frio, Guadalupe, Karnes,
Kendall, Kerr, LaSalle, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Wilson, and Zavala

Services: Distribution of food and grocery products through various programs

Eligibility: Determined by program and service seeking

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart St. Vincent de Paul

Address: 1009 Trail Street
Floresville, Texas 78114
Phone: 830-393-4791 (counselor on duty)

Counties Served: Six mile radius from Sacred Heart Church; Wilson

Services: Non-profit organization to help those in need including food, utilities, prescriptions and night lodging for those in transit; school supplies

Eligibility: Persons in transit through six mile radius of Sacred Heart Church

Hours: Office: Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC)

Address: 800 Tenth St. Suite 9
Floresville, Texas 78114
Phone: 830-393-3259
Website: education@tabc.state.tx.us

Counties Served: Wilson

Services: Alcohol awareness and education, including “2 Young 2 Drink program, speakers, enforcement of current alcohol regulations and licensing, certification, and criminal investigations for alcohol-related violations.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Address: 310 Paloma Street
MC 1251
Floresville, Texas 78114
Phone: 830-393-5415
Hotline: 1-800-252-5400
www.txabusehotline.org

Counties Served: Region 8 – San Antonio includes Wilson County

Services: Investigates reports of abuse and neglect to protect children and elderly, and people with disabilities.

Hours: 24/7

Texas Department of Public Safety

Address: 810 Tenth Street
Floresville, Texas 78114

Phone: 830-393-2536

Victim Services Phone: 512-424-2211

Missing Persons Phone: 1-800-346-3243

Crimes Stoppers Phone: 1-800-252-TIPS

Counties Served: All counties in Texas

Services: Response to 911 calls; criminal offenses, including gangs, drugs, special investigations; investigative support; missing persons

Wilson County Interagency Council

Address: 12500 San Pedro, Suite 315
San Antonio, Texas 78216

Phone: 210-223-9035

Counties Served: Wilson

Services: Facility agencies with those in need and provide awareness of service in Wilson County available to the community

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wilson County Sheriff's Office

Address: 800 Tenth St., Unit 2
Floresville, Texas 78114

Phone: 830-393-2535

Fax: 830-393-7402

Counties Served: Wilson County

Services: Responds to 911 calls, criminal offenses; and domestic/civil disturbances.

Interagency Cooperation – The agencies within Wilson County work cooperatively to provide services to individuals in the county. The gaps identified in this Community Plan identify needs that are unmet after the agencies have exhausted all of their resources. Yet the agencies are enthusiastic about new as well as old needs; new programs and new facilities.